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ENTRAL OR ENTERIC COATING AND GELATIN (NOT ENCAPSULATE)

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Oral pharmaceutical dosage form - comprises acid sensitive drug in enteric coated capsule or having protective barrier layer and enteric coating

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Oral pharmaceutical dosage form comprises: (a) a core granulation formed by dry mixing an acid-unstable drug or its salt with alkaline substance and at least 1 excipient; (b) a hard gelatin capsule shell into which the granulation or tablet of (a) is filled and (c) an enteric coating on the capsule.

The drug active ingredient preferably comprises omeprazole, sodium omeprazole, potassium omeprazole, calcium omeprazole, ammonium omeprazole or lansoprazole or its salts. The alkaline substance comprises alkali metal salts of carbonic acid, optionally granulated calcium carbonate, anhydrous dicalcium phosphate, anhydrous dibasic sodium phosphate, anhydrous tricalcium phosphate, sodium carboxymethylcellulose, calcium, carboxymethylcellulose, magnesium aluminium silicate, sodium lauryl sulphate or sodium bicarbonate. The excipient comprises at least 1 of dextrose, sorbitol, mannitol, starch, dextrin, maltodextrin, lactose, magnesium and calcium stearates, talc, microcrystalline cellulose, HPMC and hydroxyethyl cellulose.

ADVANTAGE - The drug is protected from the attack of acidic gastric fluid and is efficiently delivered to the small intestine. The form is economical in terms of time, process and material savings compared with known forms and is sufficiently stable for commercial distribution and storage. The enteric coating prevents the drug being released in the gastric environment and delivers it in the intestinal environment.